

Application Serial No.: 10/025,698

<u>Groups</u>	<u>Claims</u>	<u>Subject Matter</u>
Group I.	Claims 1 – 7 and 24 – 25,	drawn to a peptide based contrast enhancement agent and a kit including the agent;
Group II.	Claims 8 – 9	drawn to a method of preparing a peptide based contrast enhancement agent; and
Group III.	Claims 10 – 23	drawn to a method of using a peptide based contrast enhancement agent for generating a visible image of a biological sample.

APPLICANTS' ELECTION

Applicants hereby elect the invention of Group I, Claims 1 – 7 and 24 – 25, drawn to a peptide based contrast enhancement agent and a kit including the agent. Accordingly, Applicants hereby cancel non-elected Claims 8 – 9 and 10 – 23, while reserving the right to file related application(s) based on Claims 8 – 9 and 10 – 23.

REMARKS

Claims 1 – 7 and 24 – 25 are now pending in the subject U.S. patent application. Claims 1 – 25 as filed have been subjected to a Restriction/Election Requirement.

In response to the Restriction/Election Requirement, applicants have elected the claims of Group I, Claims 1 – 7 and 24 – 25, for prosecution at this time.

Applicants hereby reserve the right to file one or more divisional patent applications directed to the unelected subject matter.